

PEACE LUTHERAN ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes for May 7, 2020

Present: Ronda Haley, Linda Moore, Kelly Kneath, Dallas Wynne, Larry Carlson, Maria Gjovig, Craig Brunclik, Pete Peterson, Nicole Kovar, Drew Ekstrom and Michele Merritt

Also present: Pastor Melissa

Called to order at 7:04 pm

Recited Peace Lutheran Mission Statement

Dallas lead us in opening devotion: Ephesians 4:1

Secretary's Report: April 23rd meeting minutes were amended. Wording was unclear regarding the vote on PPP money.

Amended verbiage: "A second meeting is needed to vote on whether or not to accept PPP money."

Linda made motion to amend 4/23/2020 minutes. Nicole seconded motion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Refer to Pete and Kris' financial report for details. Overall, expenses have been drastically reduced-pandemic spending is less than expected. Pete is confident in our cash flow until mid-June, maybe even late July. Payroll is less, maintenance projects have been put on hold so supplies all around are less and seasonal expenses are also naturally lower. April was the first month that we didn't pay principle on our mortgage (\$3400). Feeling blessed that we haven't had any unforeseen expenses (Drew), Staff are salaried and still working full-time hours (Larry). Benevolences: Finance Committee recommended paying out benevolences through 2nd quarter and continue to fund Youth and Education ministries.

Larry made motion to approve payments. Ronda seconded it. All in favor. Craig made motion to approve Treasurer's report. Maria seconded it. All in favor.

Discussion on PPP grant:

We have to document that at least 75% go to payroll for it to be forgiven but can also be used for mortgage and utilities.

Peace does not pay unemployment.

Kelly made motion to accept PPP money. Linda seconded motion. Motion passed 10-1.

Pastor's Report: Peace and Alliance Church are planning an online Baccalaureate Service for our seniors on May 20th. Peace website is 90% ready to go! Will go live in the next week. Virtual communion-There is a need and it's still not safe to make visits. Thinking about doing communion once a month (pre-recorded). Thrivent Grant: \$250. This is available and Pastor Melissa has been thinking about a Peace/community Hot Dog feed event! Curb-side pickup or eat in parking lot? June 4th? Include communion?? Council support is needed! Maybe have time slots for elderly members. Pastor Melissa said she would get something set up in Sign-Up Genius for help. Larry made motion to approve Hot Dog Feed event. Kelly seconded motion. All in favor.

Parking lot posts are in!

Larry feels strongly about a Drive-Through Sunday service. May 31st. Do we have the equipment? How will it be done? Maybe do this on the last Sunday of every month while in Stay-at-Home orders? Property committee will get together and plan how all this will work. More Discussion to come.

Budget: If we haven't already pre-paid for propane, this would be a good time to buy it (Maria). Dallas will look into it. If we were to ask committees to cut costs, it would be difficult to do for some going by how budget is reported and laid out (Kelly). Education and Youth ministries haven't received full designated money for the last three years. (Maria).

Daycare: They are looking to expand and take in kids from Kid's Care (SCF Elementary) until school is officially out. They are also hoping to keep paying a reduced rent until the end of June (asking for an additional 90 days). Unapproved use of our space has expanded into areas of the fellowship hall and kitchen that are mildly disconcerting. It was suggested that we add some clearer expectations to the current contract on how we want our space to be used (amendment?) Pastor Melissa said she would write something up. A walk-through with daycare staff and council

member was also suggested just so there is no confusion as to what we are asking and to see what has changed since they started in the fall. Linda made motion to approve daycare request with additions. Kelly seconded motion. All in favor.

Linda proposed we have our next council meeting at church in the fellowship hall, practicing social distancing. No one seemed to have a problem with this. Pastor Melissa just wanted to re-iterate that this is not an option if one of us is feeling sick or has symptoms of Covid-19. Linda also requested that our meetings have a time limit of no more than 90 minutes-one hour would be even better! It was all agreed that meetings need to be as efficient and timely as possible but during times like a pandemic, there will be meetings that will go longer because of the very nature of upended daily living and we, as a council need to be a guiding light to our congregation and do our best to do what's right and safe for all. We don't all agree on these things so meetings will naturally go longer. We will look forward to shorter meetings when Covid-19 is under some manageable control.

Next meeting: May 21st at 7:00 in fellowship Hall

Adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Merritt, Council Secretary